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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 2874  
PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of

Docket No: A7966

Michael T. ROSSI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/851,247

Group Art Unit: 2874

Confirmation No.: 3007

Examiner: Sung H. Pak

Filed: May 09, 2001

For: GEL-SWELLABLE LAYERS ON FIBERS, FIBER RIBBONS AND BUFFER TUBES

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ATTN: BOX AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A fiber optic cable, comprising:
- an outer layer;
  - at least one optical fiber disposed inside said outer layer;
  - at least one gel-swellable portion proximate to an inner surface of said outer layer; and
  - a water resistant gel positioned adjacent to said gel-swellable portion and disposed between said outer layer and said optical fiber;

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